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INFO AMEMBASSY KIGALI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, OGEN, RW, UG, UK

SUBJECT: UGANDA: FATE OF MARK ELIAS

REF: KIGALI 1759

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY,  
FROM A UGANDAN REFUGEE (SOURCE) WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER  
OF THE UGANDAN STATE RESEARCH BUREAU (SRB) FROM MID-1974 TO LATE  
NOVEMBER 1977:

QUOTE...SOURCE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT DEALT DIRECTLY WITH  
ELIAS,  
HE RECALLED THAT ELIAS WAS SUSPECTED OF BEING AN AMERICAN SPY (NO  
REASONS FOR SUSPICION KNOWN) AND AFTER A BRIEF INCARCERATION AT THE  
MILITARY POLICE PRISON AT MAKINDYE, WAS SENT TO THE LUZIRA GOV-  
ERNMENT DETENTION CAMP ON LAKE VICTORIA. WHEN BRITISH BUSINESSMAN  
ROBERT SCANLON WAS ARRESTED, ELIAS WAS MOVED TO NAKASONGOLA AIR FORCE  
BASE IN ORDER TO KEEP THE TWO SEPARATE. SOURCE SAID THAT THE SRB  
HAD ARRANGED FOR FOOD TO BE DELIVERED DAILY TO NAKASONGOLA FROM THE  
IMPERIAL HOTEL IN KAMPALA FOR ELIAS AND THAT SUCH DELIVERIES WERE  
CONTINUING AT THE TIME HE FLED KAMPALA.(COMMENT: IT IS APPROXIMATELY  
75 MILES FROM KAMPALA TO NAKOSONGOLA--A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO  
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TRANSPORT FOOD FOR A PRISONER ON A DAILY BASIS)

3. SOURCE'S RELIABILITY IS UNKNOWN AND HIS BELIEF THAT ELIAS IS  
STILL ALIVE IS BASED ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE--THE ONGOING FOOD  
DELIVERIES. HE HAS NOT PERSONALLY SEEN ELIAS SINCE HIS ARREST.  
UNQUOTE.

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